### 103D CONGRESS 2D SESSION

# H. R. 3818

To establish a Middle East Development Initiative to provide development assistance to countries in the Middle East region for the purpose of promoting the peace process in that region.

### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 8, 1994

Mr. Penny introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Middle East Peace
- 5 and Development Act of 1994".

### SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

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- 3 should continue to promote peace in the Middle East
- 4 region by—
- 5 (1) encouraging the establishment of diplomatic
- 6 relations and subsequent friendly relationships
- 7 among Israel, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and other na-
- 8 tions in the region;
- 9 (2) promoting the shared development and use
- of human, natural, material, and technological re-
- sources of the region; and
- 12 (3) supporting self-determination for the Pal-
- estinian people in the West Bank and Gaza.

#### 14 SEC. 3. MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE.

- 15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall establish and
- 16 carry out a Middle East Development Initiative (in this
- 17 Act referred to as the "Initiative") to provide development
- 18 assistance to countries in the Middle East region for the
- 19 purpose of promoting the peace process in such region.
- 20 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—
- 21 (1) IN GENERAL.—A country shall be eligible to
- receive development assistance under the Initiative
- only if the government of such country is engaged
- in bilateral or multilateral discussions or negotia-
- 25 tions which promote the peace process in the Middle
- East region.

- 1 (2) WEST BANK AND GAZA.—An organization
  2 or any other entity located in the West Bank or
  3 Gaza shall be eligible to receive development assist4 ance under the Initiative only if such organization or
  5 entity is engaged in bilateral or multilateral discus6 sions or negotiations which promote the peace proc7 ess in the Middle East region.
- 8 (c) COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS.—The 9 President shall coordinate the Initiative with—
- 10 (1) other programs under which assistance for 11 development is provided to countries in the Middle 12 East region, including programs for the West Bank 13 and Gaza; and
- 14 (2) any other appropriate foreign assistance 15 programs that promote development in the Middle 16 East region, including programs established and car-17 ried out by international organizations.

### 18 SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

19 (a) In General.—There are authorized to be appro-20 priated to the President to carry out this Act 21 \$260,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1995, 1996, and 22 1997. Amounts appropriated pursuant to the preceding 23 sentence are authorized to remain available until ex-24 pended.

1	(b) Offsetting Reduction in Spending for
2	FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR EGYPT AND ISRAEL.—For
3	each of the fiscal years 1995, 1996, and 1997, the amount
4	of foreign assistance provided to Egypt and Israel shall
5	be reduced as follows:
6	(1) Egypt.—The amount of foreign assistance
7	provided to Egypt shall be at least \$110,000,000
8	less than the amount of such assistance provided to
9	Egypt for fiscal year 1994.
10	(2) ISRAEL.—The amount of foreign assistance
11	provided to Israel shall be at least \$150,000,000 less
12	than the amount of such assistance provided to
13	Israel for fiscal year 1994.
14	SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.
15	For purposes of this Act, the following definitions
16	apply:
17	(1) Development assistance.—The term
18	"development assistance" means assistance under
19	chapter 1 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of
20	1961 (relating to development assistance).
21	(2) Foreign assistance.—The term "foreign
22	assistance" means assistance under the Foreign As-
23	sistance Act of 1961 or under the "Foreign Military
24	Financing Program" account under section 23 of
25	the Arms Export Control Act.

1	(3) MIDDLE EAST REGION.—The term "Middle
2	East region" means the region consisting of the fol-
3	lowing: Bahrain, Egypt, Gaza, Israel, Jordan, Ku-
4	wait, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Ara-
5	bia, Syria, the United Arab Emirates, the West
6	Bank, and Yemen.

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